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1. WE WELCOME USUN'S RECOMMENDATION IN REF A ON WAYS U.S. MIGHT MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF LEADERSHIP WE ACHIEVED AT

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THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. WHILE THE USG HAS GEARED UP TO

FOLLOW UP VIGOROUSLY ON SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME MUST ELAPSE BEFORE CONCRETE RESULTS BECOME APPARENT. WE AGREE, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE USE ALL FORA IN COMING MONTHS TO MAINTAIN A SENSE OF U.S. LEADERSHIP, AS WELL AS RESPONSIVENESS TO THE DEVELOPMENTAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE LDCS. IN THIS CONTEXT WE ARE STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A MAJOR STATEMENT IN MID-NOVEMBER REGARDING MOVES WE HAVE MADE, ARE MAKING, OR WILL MAKE TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSALS WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER ADVANCED AT THE 7TH SS.

- 2. WE ARE STUDYING CAREFULLY POSSIBLE INITIATIVES LISTED IN REF A AND THIS CABLE WILL COMPRISE A PRELIMINARY RESPONSE. THE FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO SUGGESTIONS IN PARA 4 OF REF A:
- A. IFAD: SEE REF C
- B. CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH: UNDER STUDY
- C. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR: SUBJECT SEPTELS
 D. UNDP CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND: MISSION SHOULD DRAW
 ON FAVORABLE COMMENTS FROM UNEC DOC. 653/75 IN REMARKS BEFORE COMMITTEE TO DEMONSTRATE FLEXIBLE AND
 FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE OF U.S. IT IS NOT DESIRABLE,
 HOWEVER, TO RAISE HOPES OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO CDF
 AT THIS TIME. FY 77, CHAPTER III, AID SUBMISSION
 PROPOSED NO FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE; THUS, FY 78

WOULD BE EARLIEST THAT FUNDING WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF WE SHOULD DECIDE TO SUPPORT IT. THIS DECISION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL SPRING 1976.

E. LDC RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES: YOU WILL RECALL SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE A MAJOR INITIATIVE ON AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR RAW MATERIALS IN THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION WHICH WAS REMANDED TO THE 57TH ECOSOC AND AGAIN REFERRED ON TO THE 29TH UNGA. WE DID NOT PUSH U.S. RESOLUTION IN VIEW OF COMPETING FRENCH AND SAUDI ARABIAN RESOLUTIONS AND NEAR CERTAINTY IT WOULD BECOME A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR AMENDMENTS ON PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS, INDEXATION, AND PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, FORCING US TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOTE AGAINST OUR OWN INITIATIVE. 29TH UNGA MADE DECISION NOTING FOUR RESOLUTIONS AND THEIR PRESENT STATUS UNCLEAR. WHILE SITUATION NOW VERY DIFFERENT, CERTAIN RISK OBVIOUSLY STILL EXISTS OF LOSING CONTROL OF ANY SUCH INITIATIVE. ALTERNATIVE OF CONCERTING WITH JAPANESE ON A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO REVOLVING FUND MORE ATTRACTIVE IN THAT IT WOULD GIVE GA ENDORSEMENT TO YET ANOTHER OF

SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS IN 7TH SPECIAL SESSION SPEECH. WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO DEFER TO JAPANESE IN THIS MATTER BECAUSE OF THEIR INITIAL SPONSORSHIP AND EARLY SUPPORT. SUGGEST USUN CONSULT WITH JAPANESE TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF THEIR INTEREST AND OFFER TO COSPONSOR RESOLUTION IF THEY SO WISH.

F. ECONOMIC EMERGENCIES AND NATURAL DISASTERS: IF DUTCH ACCEPT U.S. SUGGESTIONS TO TIGHTEN RESOLUTION, USUN AUTHORIZED TO CO-SPONSOR. IN ADDITION, WITH RESPECT TO OUR INITIATIVE REGARDING THE EXPERTS PANEL TO ADVISE (AND MONITOR) UNDRO (REF B), IF CONSULTATIONS ELICIT FAVORABLE REACTIONS, WE WOULD PLAN TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION, WITH CO-SPONSORS, INDICATING CONTINUING U.S. INTEREST IN ASSURING EFFECTIVENESS OF ON-GOING MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN UNDRO AND THUS BENEFIT DISASTER-PRONE LDCS.

G. DESERTIFICATION: YOU WILL RECALL U.S. SUPPORTED UPPER VOLTA INITIATIVE FOR 1978 WORLD CONFERENCE ON DESERT-IFICATION AFTER INITIAL RELUCTANCE. SENATOR PERCY MADE A STRONGLY COMMENDATORY INTERVENTION IN SECOND COMMITTEE WHICH MIGHT FORM THE BASIS FOR U.S. CONCERT-ING WITH SAHEL AFRICAN COUNTRIES (ESPECIALLY UPPER VOLTA) ON RESOLUTION TO EMPHASIZE CONTINUED U.S. COM-MITMENT TO LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS OF DESERTIC COUNTRIES. WE TEND TO DOUBT THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT SUBSTANCE FOR RESOLUTION ON DESERTIFICATION AT THIS TIME, BUT WE WOULD BE RECEP-TIVE TO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS IN THIS REGARD. WE UNDERSTAND UNEP DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOLHA WILL DISCUSS STATUS PLANS FOR DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE IN HIS STATEMENT THIS WEEK TO SECOND COMMITTEE. THIS MAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROVIDE FURTHER BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION THIS SUBJECT.

3. FURTHER GUIDANCE WILL FOLLOW AS POSITIONS DEVELOPED IN USG. INGERSOLL

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